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Department has no repeat no information that flights of three IL-18's under Cuban registry proposing overfly Fedrep Nov. 19-25 between Moscow and Havana are connected negotiations re Cuba. We surmise they may be ferry flights of aircraft acquired by Cuba from USSR, possibly to augment Cubana's Prague-Havana service or to inaugurate new Cubana service to Moscow. It also possible USSR has placed aircraft under Cuban registry to avoid problems connected with Soviet non-adherence to Chicago Convention and Transit Agreement and that USSR is actually operating aircraft for its own purposes. USSR has (except Miloyan visit) not been able operate aircraft to Cuba under its own registry since Cuban crisis arose.

US of course strongly opposed Soviet flights to Cuba or further augmentation Cubana's services. This matter under POLAD discussion for several weeks with FEDREP among others agreeing to US proposals. (See POLAD's 530 and 556) Embassy should urge FEDREP to deny request or postpone reaction indefinitely. Letter could take form of asking endless questions

GEORGE M. O'Mahoney (substance) CMA- Mr. Tolson (draft)

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on purpose flights, cargo or passengers to be carried, whether Soviets or  
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